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EDITORIAL PAGE

To Every Student

In four days University students will begin leaving Lincoln for their homes throughout the state and the country. The majority of the student body will be returning to small Nebraska towns and Communities. Christmas vacation will be a time to relax and to relate stories of University life to the home town.

Going out to small Nebraska towns and communities every day—not just during vacation, are out-state editions of the World-Herald, Omaha newspaper. To the doorsteps of thousands of Nebraska homes every day goes this compilation of all the news plus editorial comment.

Monday morning's World-Herald carried a lengthy editorial on the subject of Dr. E. N. Anderson, the American Legion and "State of Asia." The essence of the Herald's editorial comment on the controversial subject was contained in the last paragraph which we quote:

"Those in Lincoln who indignantly resist any 'outside' inquiry and who try to spread the protecting blanket of academic freedom over everything that is said or done by all who have a license to teach, are performing no service for the State University. The vehemence of their reaction is likely to arouse more suspicions than it stills, and to do the institution far more harm than good."

The Omaha World-Herald and the 18 past Commanders of the Omaha Legion Post No. 1 and Joe Vinardi and the investigating committee of Lincoln Legion Post No. 3 represent a mighty powerful array of state money, influence and voting blocks in this fight for academic freedom. Some of the persons within this group are those who might have to do with the future of this University—particularly in regard to appropriations from the Unicameral.

The Daily Nebraskan's entire organization and circulation is vastly different and vastly smaller than that of the World-Herald. What we say has far less effect on the out-state population than does the World-Herald editorial comment. On the matter of the University's budget request to the Unicameral, The Nebraskan is vitally interested in the continual progress of its University. Consequently, The Nebraskan will editorially campaign for favor in the eyes of the Unicameral's budget committee.

Perhaps the World-Herald does not agree with The Nebraskan on the matter of University appropriations. Whatever their point of view, it will be read by many, many more persons than this publication's editorial plea.

This writer has written every day since the first publication of Mr. Vinardi's remarks about undesirable literature and the undesirable choice of such literature by a University professor on the subject of academic freedom. The Nebraskan feels that this matter is of immediate concern to every member of the University family and has tried to stimulate intelligent thought, word and deed on this subject. We have been gratified by the support from both student and faculty on the Anderson case.

The World-Herald absolutely disagrees with the stand taken by The Nebraskan, the Nebraska chapter of the American Association of University Professors, the Americans for Democratic Action, Dr. Edgar Johnson, history instructor, James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, and many, many of the most respected and learned members of the University. And the existant Nebraskans will read this World-Herald opinion—not that of the combined University forces.

The World-Herald suggests that we have done our University great damage when we rise to defend a man and a friend who has been accused of the very thing he has always spoken out against. This writer thinks the World-Herald has done the University greater harm by lining up with the Legion and the influential men of Omaha than any other type of editorial writing we can think of.

What University students can do to alleviate some of the damage done by the Herald's editorial comment is to take this story home to their parents and their communities. We can speak, during Christmas vacation, as we have in classrooms, over coffee cups, in our residence houses and on our parties during the past week. We can tell outside Nebraska just what happened right here in Lincoln.

We can take the cause of academic freedom to our homes. In fact, we must, if our University is to continue to be an institution of higher learning. —R.R.

Sequel

Last month 156 students from colleges and universities all over the nation attended a United Nations seminar in New York City sponsored by the YM-YWCA. Monday, some of the statistics about that trip were made available and they showed some rather remarkable things about our state and school.

First, we must say that the whole nation was invited. It was not an affair to which only certain schools received invitations. And, secondly, we must state that there was no concerted advertising done to solicit representatives from Nebraska schools. The reader knows that there was no publicity work done on this campus. Furthermore, each delegate paid his own expenses entirely.

Now for some of the statistics: Of the 156 delegates who went to New York, 23 were from the University. This is 18 per cent of the total. The state, representatives from four schools, sent a total of 57 students or 37 per cent of the total. Nebraska Wesleyan University sent 13, Doane College sent 12 and four went from Wayne State Teachers.

Of the six schools sending the most students, three were from Nebraska. Only Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, which sent 14 students, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Guilford College, also in North Carolina, which tied with Doane with 12 came close. This means that these six schools sent 90 students and 53 of these were Nebraskans. North Carolina came in second with 24 representatives.

In all, there were 25 schools represented. Seven

schools only sent one representative and two sent two. This means that the Nebraska schools not only sent more students, they sent a great deal more than the average.

Earlier, these columns have mentioned this fact but The Nebraskan has not had access to these figures to back up its contentions. We explained, when we only knew that Nebraska had sent a large number of the students, that this was an especially good sign because Nebraska is traditionally uninterested in world affairs — isolationistic. The old guard in Nebraska politics has a tendency to be isolationistic, but the young people seem to have a definitely forward-looking philosophy. In German, they call it a Weltanschauung (world out-look).

To The Nebraskan, indisputable proof of this world feeling here in the depths of this great country, is the turn out for the UN seminar. We said that students from all over the country were invited. Still, Nebraska sent the largest—by far the largest—delegation. We also said that there was no advertising campaign to solicit students to go.

Furthermore, the Nebraska students traveled the greatest distance. Schools in New York City didn't send nearly as many students. The greater majority of schools represented were from the East. The fact that we had to go the farthest meant that Nebraska students had to spend more money on expenses. Still, we sent the most representatives.

The Nebraskan thinks that University students should be proud of this interest they have. It seems to be located mostly in our state—D.P.

Margin Notes

Unity Disappearing

Nearly one week ago we heard reports of the impending fissure in the Republican party because of Senator Taft's unkind remarks about President-elect Eisenhower's appointment of Democrat Martin Durkin to the post of Labor Secretary.

It would appear that the Democrat party is not an exception to this type of intra- and inter-party bickering that seems so prevalent these days. President Truman blasted out angrily in a press conference, calling Ike's trip to Korea "demagoguery" and belittling MacArthur's announcement that he has a simple solution to the Korean war.

In this current maze of charge and counter-charge, it's no wonder that increasingly-frequent misunderstandings move our world farther and farther away from a lasting peace.

Holiday Inn

The Union's traditional Christmas party in their large headquarters will take on a slightly different than usual form Tuesday night. Of course, the usual Union activities will be in progress—but the Crib and the Round-up will be decorated and arranged to look like a Holiday Inn. From the sounds of its plans, the Union will really take on a Christmas Holiday atmosphere—with music, games, lights and all the trimmings.

Before or after Christmas shopping, night classes or on the way home from the library, the Union will be quite a gay place to drop into Tuesday night.

Revenger Caught

A 16-year-old Lincoln youth who sought revenge on a Colorado Springs hotel because the hotel authorities declined to look for a \$4 lighter which he lost in his room is being held for grand larceny.

The youth admitted taking 296 pieces of silver and china from the Broadmoor. Included in the loot were 57 teaspoons, 87 dinner knives, 77 forks, 45 soup spoons, three sugar bowls, two silver

Daily Thought

Duty is carrying on promptly and faithfully the affairs now before you; it is to fulfill the claims of today.—Goethe

It Seems To Me

By GLENN ROSENQUIST Staff Writer

To get into dentistry school, I am told, you must take an aptitude test. The test is very difficult. It is also a very clever way to find out one's ability.

- 1. You have 90 minutes to complete the test.
2. You take two pieces of chalk as big around as your thumb. Next you are given a small straight-edge knife.
3. Carve the chalk according to the directions.
4. Do not chip the chalk.
5. Do not make an incision one-sixteenth of an inch deep instead of one-eighth of an inch as directions specify or you will be graded down.
6. When you are supposed to round off the ends, round them off. Do not leave ragged edges.
7. Do not drop the chalk on the floor or it will be smashed and you will be graded down.
8. Do not watch your neighbor carving his chalk. At least do not copy him. He might be carving on his second piece already and you will be confused.

Eisenhower went to Korea, spent three days and was back before we knew about it.

Great things are often done in this manner. Events are shaping up at this very moment which will turn the course of history.

Have you ever stopped to think that the funny papers which we read every day were conceived and drawn by the cartoonist even months in advance. At this very moment, Chester Gould's drawing board has Dick Tracy whirling through unforeseen adventures. Steve Canyon may even be in Rio De Janeiro.

Scientists are preparing new machines, doctors are perfecting and attempting more difficult operations, the Kremlin is forming a new strategy. And we laymen will not learn of these events for many months to come.

Rosenquist All we are aware of now is that "Djauge" is pronounced "Joe" (reference made to comic strip L'il Abner).

It is time to start looking ahead to final exams.

It is also time to protest against ties and other paraphernalia sometimes received by college students as Christmas gifts.

Christmas present anti-suggestions for the college man:
1. Do not give ties. Most collegians like to pick out their own.
2. Do not give pajamas or undergarments unless member of the college man's immediate family.
3. Do not give magazine subscriptions. If you do, make sure copies are sent to his campus address; and if you do, don't expect much. When he gets around to reading it, it will have that grimy greasy look, its pages worn like those three-week-old playing cards in a fraternity card room. No, don't give magazine subscriptions.

4. No frilly stationery.
5. Forget about buying him an automobile. The college student would rather walk. (easy, easy.)

Letterip

Congratulations . . .

Dear Editor: In regard to the discussions in the Student Council and among students which have attended the proposal to outlaw ticket balloting, we should like to point to an example of proof that the proposal would not affect the profits of organizations sponsoring an activity.

The All University Fund auction was held a week ago. This is the third auction at which AUF has presented an Activity Queen. In previous years the queen has been selected by ticket ballot of those attending the auction. This year, the queen was selected by a board of judges composed of Joan Hanson, Sylvia Kransie, Don Noble, Rev. Rex Knowles, Mrs. Virginia Trotter, Charles S. Miller and Frank M. Hallgren.

According to Harriet Wenke, chairman of special events for AUF, this year's auction drew more people than any previous auction, the ticket sales were greater than ever and the auction added \$1,000 to the fund.

To us, this appears proof that ticket balloting is not essential to the success of a campus event. If the event is worthy of patronage, students will attend it. It is not necessary to have an election by ticket in order to draw crowds and make an event profitable.

We take this means to congratulate AUF for taking a means other than the ticket ballot to select the Activity Queen and for proving that ticket balloting does not necessarily spell the only road to success for an event.

Sincerely, BACKERS OF PROPOSAL TO OUTLAW TICKET BALLOTING.

Investigation . . .

To the Student Council—After due consideration, we would like to recommend that the Student Council establish an Un-American Activities Committee to investigate the Activities of the American Legion. We hope to increase our membership too. KAPPA BETA PI Women's National Legal Fraternity

Caroling Party Tuesday

All students are invited to the annual Red Cross Caroling Party, Tuesday at 7 p.m. The group will meet on the Union steps and proceed by a chartered bus to the Veteran's Hospital and the State Hospital.

Preface

Six Authors Tell Of Experiences While Communist Party Members

Barbara Dillman

"The God That Failed" is a book that should be read by everyone for a better understanding of the gospel which sways a third of the population of this globe. Six well-known writers — Andre Gide, Arthur Koestler, Louis Fisher, Stephen Spender, Ignazio Silone, and Richard Wright—tell, in moving personal accounts, how they embraced the Communist cause in the promising days after the Revolution, and of their subsequent disillusionment after witnessing and being victims of the totalitarian methods which are used increasingly by the Communists.

Wright, Koestler, and Silone actually joined the Communist Party—the other three were sympathizers—but in each account the reader feels intensely the "despair of Western values, the tortured struggles of conscience" which converted these men to Communism. The spiritual crises experienced by these men after they realized how wrong they were are no less moving.

Ignazio Silone, who helped found the Italian Communist Party, tells us: "The day I left the Communist Party was a very sad one for me, it was like a day of deep mourning, the mourning for my lost youth. . . It is not easy to free oneself from an experience as intense as that of the underground organization of the Communist Party. Something of it remains and leaves a mark on the

character which lasts all one's life." It is only from the ex-Communists that the freedom-loving peoples of the world can learn the true meaning of Communism for the millions of individuals who, voluntarily or involuntarily, are caught in its web.

These men, who have told honestly and courageously of their bitter experiences, are infinitely more valuable in the fight to preserve democracy and our whole Western civilization than all the McCarthys and self-appointed inquisitors who used the very tactics for which these men forsook Communism.

The authors of "The God That Failed" are not ordinary men. They are intellectuals of unusual perception and sensitivity, and because they made a mistake, a tragic mistake, they are no less honorable. "It is very much easier to lay the oblation of spiritual pride on the altar of world revolution than to snatch it back again," states Richard Crossman in his very fine introduction to the book.

As an American Negro, Richard Wright, made his sacrifice, unlike the other five who consciously sacrificed status and liberty in embracing Communism, in leaving the Party: "For I knew in my heart that I should never be able to write that way again, should never be able to feel with that simple sharpness about life, should never again express such passionate hope, should never again make so total a commitment of faith."

It is because these men recognized their mistaken judgment and had the courage to repudiate what they no longer believed, that we as truth-seeking students may well ponder their carefully reasoned renunciation.

Letterip

Confusion . . .

Dear Editor: In the furor over Dr. Anderson, there has been very little objective, analytical thinking, or writing, which might bring some order out of the confusion.

In that connection, let me quote from The Daily Nebraskan of Friday, Dec. 12, 1952. This is a quotation from the Editor's editorial:

"One person whom this writer interviewed recently expressed calmly and rationally the very kind of thinking that began the character-assassination of Dr. Anderson. This person said it was the job of every man and woman in this country to keep their eyes and ears open for anything related to Un-Americanism and to report such things to the constituted authority."

"What he suggested in essence, was a nation of spies. What this kind of philosophy would do to our country can hardly be conceived."

Now on the same page of this

issue there is an editorial by the Associate Editor which makes this statement:

"When a person has information which he considers of a security nature, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is just as easy to contact as the American Legion. He would be assured, if he calls the FBI that chance remarks concerning his information would not be thrown around carelessly for the public to become alarmed about."

Mr. Pieper concludes his editorial with this statement: "Only official agencies can and should be trusted with reputations." These comments illustrate the conflicting points of view. Miss Raymond believes that to report to "constituted authorities" will make us a nation of spies. While, on the other hand, Mr. Pieper believes that to report to "official agencies" is a desirable action. Surely objectivity is to be desired until the facts about this situation are known.

BILL L. MORRIS

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Tuesday YW Community Tours Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in Dining Room, Ellen Smith Hall.

YW Battle for Ballots Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in Dining Room, Ellen Smith Hall.

YW Goals and Values on Campus committee meeting at 5 p.m. in Dining Room, Ellen Smith Hall.

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- 3:00 Purple Grotto
3:15 Holiday Inn
3:30 Rhythm and Rhyme
3:45 Sports Parade
4:00 Sunny Side of The Street
4:15 A Student Views the News
4:40 This I Believe
4:45 World of Wax
4:50 News
5:00 Sign Off

Powder Room Walls Defaced By Lipstick of Wyoming Coeds

A male student at the University of Wyoming was recently confronted with too many kisses — but all in the wrong place.

In a dissertation by this disturbed student on the condition of the girls' powder room in the campus union, he was obviously appalled at the hundreds of lipstick imprints on the walls spaced from the ceiling to the floor.

Although he didn't say how he gained entrance to the room, he did voice two possible reasons for the artistic adornment — either the women were "undersexed or mentally unbalanced," or they were rebelling against the males by imparting their most "spine-chilling smooth upon the cold, damp surface of a rest room wall."

A poll at Smith College, Mass., revealed that sophomores cut more classes than the other students. Fifty-eight percent of the class cut at least once a week.

Maybe the sophs feel the necessity of cutting so they will not be accused of adhering to the following item from the Varsity News, University of Detroit:

I serve a purpose in this school, on which no man can frown—I quietly sit in every class and keep the average down.

KU and K State have each received an offer of \$100,000 for the development of educational television from the Fund of Adult Education, a subsidiary of the Ford Foundation. The offer provides that both institutions must add \$200,000 each before Jan. 31.

The professors just can't win—especially at San Diego College where a bulletin was posted in-

forming the students of the proper reply to every classroom situation.

The paper reads: When you are given an objective test: "It doesn't let you express yourself."

When you are given an essay test: "It's too vague. You don't know what's expected."

When you are given no tests: "It's not fair. How can we possibly judge what we know?"

When every part of the subject is taken up in class: "Oh, he just follows the book."

When you are asked to study a part of the subject by yourself: "Why we never even discuss it."

When the course is in lecture form: "We never get a chance

to express ourselves." When detailed material is presented: "What's the use? You forget it after the examination anyway." When general principles are presented: "What did we learn? We knew all that before we took the course." Education majors will have every opportunity to change colleges during mid-semester.

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